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WASHINGTON, DC - Congressman Todd Akin (R-MO) today released the following statement strongly criticizing the Democratic majority's move to pass its health care bill via the reconciliation process.

"As President Obama said himself five years ago, 'reconciliation is ...the wrong place for policy changes'.

"The more the American people see of this 2700-plus page monstrosity, the less they like it. Yet, despite voters' objections, the majority seems determined to push forward their government managed health care agenda.

"Nancy Pelosi calls this "courage." I call it reckless.

“Right now, Americans are struggling as the jobless rate hovers near ten percent and the economy remains sluggish. When people have good jobs and the economy is strong, most people have health insurance that they like. But instead of empowering job creation, this bill would destroy up to five million jobs, besides imposing new taxes on small businesses and individuals.

“If the President wants to pass bi-partisan health reform, I suggest that we have a very different kind of health care summit. Let’s find the common sense policy proposals that both Republicans and Democrats can agree on and pass those reforms. That’s the kind of statesmanship that the American people want to see.”

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